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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES PERSONNEL ATTENDING MAY INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES WEEK EVENTS

REF: TEL AVIV 001002

11. The Department of State has reviewed its files and finds that as of May 13, 2008 it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals listed below:

COL Nadav Padan Current IDF Attache in Washington, D.C. Israel Defense Forces Date/Place of Birth: September 27, 1967, Israel Israeli Passport Number: 11995013

LTCOL Oren Gil Commander of the Counterterrorism, Marksmanship, and Sniper School (CTMSS) Israel Defense Forces Date/Place of Birth: May 23, 1973, Italy Israeli Passport Number: 10087497

- ¶2. Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy in Tel Aviv verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 1 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.
- 13. If in the future Post becomes aware of possible human rights violation by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with the training.
- $\ 15$ . Point of contact at the Department is Kurt Medland, NEA/IPA, 202-647-2647. RICE